

The Daily Courant.

Saturday, September 28. 1723.

London, September 28.
Yesterday arrived the Mail from Holland.

Constantinople, August 10.

A Confirmation is received of our Army of 8000 Men having got Possession of the City of Tekis, and of its separating in two Bodies afterwards; one having taken the City of Erivan, and the other to proceed to the furthest Limits of Georgia. The Grand Signior has lately received a Letter from Prince Miri-Wesa, in which he acknowledges him to be Chief of Muselmans, and invites him to join Forces with him against the Common Enemies of their Law. At the reading this Letter in the Divan, the Professors of the Law, particularly the Mosti, very much approved of it; but the Grand Vizier strongly opposed it. As the Progress of our Armies in Georgia and Persia may, in all likelihood, provoke the Czar to attack Asoch with the Forces he has in Ukraina and the neighbourhood of Astracan, the Grand Vizier has therefore ordered Troops and Ammunition to be sent thither immediately, and commanded the Bashaw of Romania to draw together what Forces he can to put that Fortress in a Condition of holding out a Siege in Case it be attacked.

Petersbourg, Sept. 10. Upon Advice that Ismael Beck, Ambassador Plenipotentiary from the Sophi of Persia, was arrived at a Cloister near this City, the Czar sent Mess. Protassieff, and Deviciak, on the 1st Instant to receive and compliment him; his Majesty also sent thither a Yacht of State, richly furnished for the Ambassador's use on his Voyage hither, together with three other Vessels and four Boats for his Retinue. The Ambassador went on board the Yacht on the 2d, accompanied by Mess. Protassieff, and Deviciak: The Commanding Officers and Soldiers there were under Arms, Drums beating and Colours flying; there was given likewise a Salvoe of 11 Guns. The Ambassador, being come down the River Neva, traversed the whole Fleet ranged in order before Petersbourg. Passing near the Foundry, he was again saluted with 21 Guns; and at his coming before the Hotel of Ambassadors, a Discharge was made of 13 Guns on board his Yacht. Here the Ambassador quitted the Yacht and went into a Boat with Mess. Protassieff, and Deviciak, the Interpreter, and three others of his Retinue: Four of the Sophi's Officers went into another Boat.

The Ambassador landed at the Bridge near the Hotel of Ambassadors, and made his Entry in the Manner following.

I. Three of the Sophi's Officers with Batoons in their Hands. II. The Ambassador accompanied by Mess. Protassieff, and Deviciak. III. A Servant of the Ambassador bearing his Sabre covered with a Cloth. IV. The Ambassador's Retinue.

Thirty Six Soldiers under Arms, and their Drums beating, were drawn out before the House of Ambassadors.

On the 5th the Ambassador had his public Audience, conducted in the Manner following.

M. Protassieff went and received him in the Czar's own Boat, followed by 15 others, for the use of his Retinue. The Ambassador went into the Boat with his Interpreter, and the Secretary to the Embassy, the latter holding with both Hands the Sophi's Letter wrapt in a Silver Persian Cloth. The Officers and the rest of the Attendants went into the other Boats.

The Ambassador was saluted in the Court of the Senate before the Hall of Audience, by two Battalions drawn up in two Lines under Arms. At the Foot of the Senate Stairs he was received by M. Dasehoff, Director General of the Post Office; at the Porch, by Brigadier Leontief; and at the Audience Hall Door by M. Uchukoff, Major General and Major of the Czar's Life Guards.

Before the Ambassador entered the Hall of Audience he gave his Sabre to his Servants, who likewise left their Sabres and Arms without the Hall.

The Ambassador took from the Secretary the Letter from the Sophi his Master, and entered the Hall, making a profound Obedience; at his Approach to the Throne, he made three other Obediences and spoke as follows.

Most Gracious Lord,
As the Sun illuminates the whole Universe, and the Influence of the Stars produce and keep Life in all Creatures: In like manner do all the Inhabitants of the World partake of your Majesty's Favour and Goodness. The Felicity God has conferred upon your Majesty, cannot suffer any Person to do Harm to your Majesty. Your Majesty's Throne surpasses the Splendour of all Thrones, even as the brightest among the Stars is deemed the first in Rank from its Brightness. The Almighty has made strong your Majesty's Diadem, and Right, even as he stretched out the Dominion of King Pharaoh, shower'd down Blessings on the Head of King Darius, and Glory upon King Xerxes. God be with you, valiant, invincible, and greatest Emperour of the present Age. By the Goodness of God, comparable to the Philosopher's Stone, and by a Providence known to the whole World, is my most gracious Lord, True Believer, ascended to the Throne, and has taken hold of the Reins of Empire. His Majesty has sent me thither to renew and confirm perpetual Friendship between both Nations, and to pay you Compliments to your Majesty, earnestly desiring that the ancient Friendship which subsists at this present, may be increased and continued on both Parts.

Afterwards

James Swift, Sect.

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